

**CITY OF MESA
MESA, ARIZONA**

Gilbert Road Light Rail Extension Project

PROJECT NO. CP0296

**Question & Answer #1
August 31, 2015**

Q1: The RFQ requests seven (7) copies of the SOQ and directs us to provide the DBE Attachment A and supporting Exhibit A in a separate sealed envelope. Are seven copies of these documents also required?

A1: Only one copy of the Attachment A Outreach Efforts and one copy of the supporting documentation of that outreach is required.

Q2: The RFQ specifies that DBE participation is required. During the Pre-submittal conference, DBE and SBC participation was discussed. Are these separate requirements?

A2: The program requirement is to demonstrate good faith effort in reaching out to small businesses to include DBEs, SBEs, and SBCs. The federal program affords potential small business participation on contracts where small businesses may not have the opportunity to participate on non-federally funded contracts.

Q3: Will SBE firms also qualify towards the DBE requirement if the AZ UTRACS system lists them as SBC only and not both DBE/SBC?

A3: Only certified DBE firms listed in the AZ UTRACS will be counted towards the aspirational goal and reported to Federal Transit Administration (FTA). It is encouraged that potential contractors utilize DBE firms when at all possible. Reaching out to SBE firms that are listed only as an SBE is part of the outreach requirement.

Q4: A comment at the Pre-submittal conference seemed to indicate that the construction of this improvement will not be separately bid, but included in the Light Rail Contractor's responsibilities. Please verify. If this is the case, how will the inspection of this improvement interface with the Light Rail construction?

A4: Confirmed; the current intent is that the Construction Manager at Risk for the Gilbert Road Light Rail Extension project will construct the City electric utility improvements. The City holds quality assurance responsibility for all City facilities, including the City of Mesa Electric. The inspection services will include general construction oversight, submittals/shop drawings review, field inspections, and project coordination meeting attendance. The Inspector will report to the City.

Q5: Section 1 – Project Description includes a reference to the possibility of the City including “other miscellaneous improvements as needed.” Will these be separately bid for construction or also included in the Light Rail effort?

A5: The current intent is that the Construction Manager at Risk for the Gilbert Road Light Rail Extension project will construct these improvements as well.

Q6: Section VI – Submittal Requirements directs us to include the DBE attachments in our proposal, but no reference is made to any qualification statements for participating firms. Since a complete scope of services has not yet been established, it is difficult to specify what firms will participate and what their roles will be. Will the potential DBE partners and their qualifications be considered in the evaluation process?

A6: The potential DBEs are not part of the scoring of the qualification in the evaluation process. If the DBE outreach requirement is not met, the submitter will be rejected from the procurements of this project prior to review of submitter's qualifications.

Q7: We understand that one copy of signed addenda is required with our submission. Please confirm.

A7: Correct.